

Point of order regarding time for notice of cut motions.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—On a point of order, Sir. As regards token motions, standing Order 19 (2) requires six clear days' notice to the Secretary. It says "Save as otherwise provided for in the Rules or Standing Orders a Member who wishes to move a motion shall give notice of his intention to the Secretary six clear days before the meeting, at which he intends to move the motion." Now, Sir, in some cases we are given notice of the motion for supplementary grants itself only two or three days before the meeting with the result that we are not able to give notice of token motions at all. I request the President to say whether there is any rule under which we are entitled to get reasonable notice for motions for supplementary grants. I submit that there must be some rule by which the Members also should get notice of such motions for a period which is at least more than 6 days so that we may send cut motions in time.

President.—It seems to be very reasonable.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The President can give a ruling to that effect.

President.—I can only give rulings on the existing Rules. I cannot alter any rule.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The President can admit at short notice any such emergent cases.

President.—Yes.

Point of order regarding Reasons for cut motions.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Another point of order, Sir. As regards the moving of token motions, Rule 50 says that motions can be made at a particular stage. It is nowhere stated that reasons for the motions should be given. It is insisted that we should give reasons for the cut motions. In some cases motions had been disallowed on the ground that there was some defect in the way in which the reasons for the motion was given. Recently one of my cut motions was not admitted on the ground that I clubbed together two different subjects although to my humble thinking it was only one. I had to protest against it and to split my motion into two before the President was pleased to admit it. Sir, this practice places a restriction upon our right to move token motions by which we are compelled to give reasons in advance for token motions.

President.—Has the Government Advocate anything to say on that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I think the Hon'ble Member is referring to the instructions given in the footnote.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I am referring to Rule 50 (2). I know that in the instructions given in the slips for sending cut

motions, we are asked to state reasons. But that cannot have the force of a Rule. I do admit that there is difficulty for the Government Member to anticipate the purpose of the motion and to give an off-hand reply and that it is better to the interests of the Member who sends the motion to give reasons for the motion. But if by some accident or difference of opinion the reasons are not correctly worded, on that ground alone the motion should not be rejected. That is my position. If the Member has not given the reasons, the Government Member may not be in a position to offer a satisfactory explanation and the Member tabling the motion may not derive the benefit which he intended. But that should not preclude one from sending a motion without stating reasons.

President.—I would like to have some time for consideration before passing any ruling on this point.

Demands for Supplementary Grants.

1. 12—Registration—Rs. 1,060—0—6.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,009—13—7 under XII—Registration—Establishment of District Registrars, and Rs. 50—2—11 under "Temporary Establishment" under the same major head. The allotment required is for the year 1106 to close the accounts of that year. The actuals of expenditure incurred under these two heads exceeded the budget grant due to the extra leave allowance that had to be paid to the staff over and above what had been provided for in the budget and the payment of arrear pay for 1105 as a result of the revision of 1105. It is possible to meet this extra expenditure by transfer from the sub-head "District Registrars" under which there are savings to this extent. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment by the transfer proposed.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,060—0—6 under Registration by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, this cut motion relates to the case of low-paid subordinates in the Registration Department. The point that I want to place before the Government is the desirability nay, necessity for reserving a certain percentage of posts of Registrars to Head clerks who have put in a large number of years of approved service. There were instances in previous years of Head clerks of approved service being given acting places of Registrars and there are individuals in this Department now who have acted as Registrars for as many as five years. But in recent years the tendency seems to be not to give these places to those Head clerks. I under-